

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the present amendments and following remarks. By this amendment, claims 1, 4, 7, 16 and 20 are amended, and claim 3 is canceled. At this time, claims 1, 2 and 4-34 are pending in this case, with claims 1, 16 and 28 being independent claims. It is believed that no fees are due for the consideration of this paper. However, if fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to deposit account number 13-2855. A copy of this paper is enclosed.

Claims Amendments

Claims 1 and 16 are amended to more clearly recite that the packaging system recited therein includes both a container having a rim and a blister package including first and second blister sections connected to form the blister package and to define a lower portion configured to engage the rim of the container. The claims are further amended to recite that the connected sections form at least one blister portion for receiving a displayed item. Claim 3 is canceled as being redundant in view of the limitations of claim 1 as amended, and claims 4, 7 and 20 are amended for consistency with the amendments to claims 1 and 16. The amendments to claims 1 and 16 are supported by the specification as originally filed at least at Figs. 1-3 and the accompanying text wherein the blister package 24 is formed by first blister section 40 and second blister section 46 which define blister portions 52, 54 receiving items 56, 58, respectively, and first portion 20 defined by blister sections 40, 46 and configured to engage the rim 14 of container 12. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to claims 1 and 16 do not present new matter and do not raise new issues, and respectfully request entry of the present amendments to claims 1, 4, 7, 16 and 20 and consideration of the claims as amended.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(e) and 103(a)

Claims 1-4, 7-9, 13-17, 20-22, 26 and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Miyake (U.S. Patent No. 6,474,471), claims 1-4, 7, 9, 13-17, 20, 22, 26 and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Glassman (U.S. Patent No. 6,227,369), and claims 8 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Glassman in view of Miyake. Applicants respectfully traverse these

rejections and request reconsideration in view of the amendments to claims 1 and 16 and the following remarks.

Starting with the claim rejections in view of Miyake, applicant respectfully submits that Miyake only discloses blister packaging formed by first and second blister sections, namely body 12 and protective cover 14, and does not disclose the blister package in combination with another container and defining a portion configured to engage a rim of another container as recited in claims 1 and 16. The claims as amended more clearly recite two distinct elements: a container, and a blister package that engages the container. Miyake only discloses a blister package, and does not suggest the blister package being configured to engage a separate container. Since Miyake only teaches a blister package and not a blister package in combination with a container as recited in claims 1 and 16, Miyake does not anticipate these claims. Moreover, Miyake does not suggest or provide motivation for modifying the blister pack 10 to include a portion for capturing a rim of a separate container, or for attaching the blister pack 10 to a separate container. Consequently, claims 1 and 16, and the claims depending therefrom, are also not rendered obvious by Miyake.

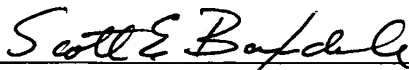
Regarding the rejections in view of Glassman, as with Miyake, Glassman merely teaches a blister pack 10 formed by mating clamshell members 12, 14, and does not teach the blister pack 10 being configured to engage a separate container. Therefore, for the same reasons discussed above for Miyake, Glassman does not teach a blister package in combination with and engaging a container as recited in the claims. Therefore, claims 1 and 16 and the claims depending therefrom are also neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by Glassman for the reasons discussed above. Further, the combination of Glassman and Miyake proposed in the rejection of claims 8 and 21 also fails to render the claims obvious for the same reasons.

Entry and consideration of the foregoing amendments as improving the form of the application are solicited. The amendments have the effect of narrowing the issues for consideration by Examiner Luong, or on appeal, and were not earlier presented because, prior to the final Office action and Examiner Luong's comments therewith, these amendments were not felt necessary to obtain allowance.

For at least the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims and allowance of the currently pending claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner wish to discuss the foregoing or any matter of form in an effort to advance this application towards allowance, she is urged to telephone the undersigned at the indicated number.

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